

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 8/9/2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Michelle Matson, Secretary to Bicycle Advisory Committee (805) 788-2830	
(4) SUBJECT Hearing to consider a resolution adopting the updated 2015-16 County Bikeways Plan; and find the project to be exempt from Section 21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA). All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> 1. Approve a resolution adopting the updated 2015-16 County Bikeways Plan; and 2. Find the project to be exempt from Section 21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA). </div>			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Road Fund	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$100,000.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT { } Consent { } Presentation {X} Hearing (Time Est. 30 min.) { } Board Business (Time Est.____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS {X} Resolutions { } Contracts { } Ordinances { } N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A { } 4/5 Vote Required {X} N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY { } N/A Date: 11/23/10, #C-2	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW David E. Grim			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

Reference: 16AUG09-H-1

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works

Michelle Matson, Secretary to the Bicycle Advisory Committee

VIA: Jeremy Ghent, Transportation Division Manager

DATE: 8/9/2016

SUBJECT: Hearing to consider a resolution adopting the updated 2015-16 County Bikeways Plan; and find the project to be exempt from Section 21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA). All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve a resolution adopting the updated 2015-16 County Bikeways Plan; and
2. Find the project to be exempt from Section 21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA).

DISCUSSION

The Bikeways Plan is prepared to identify and prioritize bikeway facilities throughout the unincorporated area of the County including, bikeways, parking, connections with public transportation, educational programs, and funding. The plan is instrumental in developing area plans, circulation plans and setting development conditions.

On September 20, 1994, the Board of Supervisors adopted the County Bikeways Plan. The most recent update of the Plan was adopted by your Board on November 23, 2010. The County Bikeways Plan has been updated by staff in partnership with the County Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) and Caltrans, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG), Air Pollution Control District (APCD), County Parks and Recreation Department and County Planning Department.

Prior to the 2015-16 update of the Bikeways Plan, the Bicycle Advisory Committee reevaluated the 2010 Bikeway Plan goals. The Bicycle Advisory Committee's goals were used to develop the six (6) 2015-16 County Bikeway Plan Goals listed below:

Goal 1: Accommodate increased bicycle usage.

Goal 2: Provide a safer bicycling environment.

Goal 3: Complete the top 20 projects in the Bike Plan.

Goal 4: Collaborate with city and regional agencies to coordinate the planning and design of County Bikeways.

Goal 5: Recommend a strong presence of multi-modal coordination.

Goal 6: Plan for bike facilities as part of all projects.

The 2015-16 update of the plan includes the revised goals as well as a comprehensive update to all areas of the plan including, but not limited to, bicycle standards, bicycle maps, bicycle counts and bicycle priorities.

The table below summarizes the top ten ranked projects identified through the Bike Plan update.

Class	Roadway	From	To	Score
I	Connector	Templeton	Atascadero	400
I	Connector	San Luis Obispo	Morro Bay	375
I	Connector (Bob Jones Trail)	San Luis Obispo	Avila Beach	375
II	Corbett Canyon Road	Deer Canyon Road	Arroyo Grande City Limits	355
II	Main St (Templeton)	Vineyard Drive	Gibson Road	355
II	Orchard Avenue	Southland Street	Joshua Street	355
II	Ontario Road	Bob Jones Bikeway	Higuera Street	340
II	Halcyon Road	Highway 1 (North)	Highway 1 (South)	335
II	Valley Road	Los Berros Road	Fair Oaks	335
II	Los Berros Road	Valley Road	El Campo Road	330
II	Price Canyon Road	Highway 227	Ormonde Road	330

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently preparing construction documents for the Templeton to Atascadero and Bob Jones Class I Bike Paths; however, no funding has been secured for construction. Public Works is currently constructing the Price Canyon Road Bike Lanes and is working toward completion of the Main Street Bike Lanes as part of an upcoming surface treatment project.

In 2013, California legislation created the Active Transportation Program (ATP) consolidating existing federal and state transportation programs, including the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA), and State Safe Routes to School (SR2S), into a single program with a focus to make California a national leader in active transportation. Previously, Public Works was successful in receiving BTA grants on a regular basis. During the first two cycles of the ATP grant, the County of San Luis Obispo was unsuccessful in securing funds for any of the proposed SR2S projects or Orchard Avenue Bike Lanes. The ATP program criteria and numerous agency competition has proven allusive for the County to attain this outside funding.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Prior to preparing the update to the County Bikeways Plan, all incorporated cities, advisory councils, County Departments, Caltrans, Emergency Services, school districts and bicycle organizations were contacted for input. After County BAC and Public Works review, the public review draft was placed online for stakeholder review in February 2016. Following the comment period and updated draft of the plan in May 2016, the BAC held a special meeting on June 2, 2016. On June 2, the BAC unanimously approved the plan and recommended forwarding to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

The Environmental Coordinator has determined that the updated 2015-16 County Bikeways Plan is not a “project” per the definition in the CEQA guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), and is not subject to CEQA per Section 15060(c)(4).

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is difficult to determine the expense of bikeway maintenance as it is part of the roadway prism. The Public Works Department maintenance crews expended between \$15,000 to over \$100,000 annually, over the past five years, on the maintenance of bikeways including signage, striping, sweeping, and pavement repair. This activity is budgeted within the Road Fund’s maintenance budget.

RESULTS

Approval of the recommended action will update the County’s bicycle transportation framework. Construction of bikeway and support facilities enhances opportunity for alternative transportation modes, increases safety, and creates a more livable community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2015-16 County Bikeways Plan
2. Resolution Adopting the Updated 2015/16 County Bikeways Plan and Finding the Project Exempt from Section 21000 et. seq. of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA)
3. Notice of Exemption

File: CF 800.10.01

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